

Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when you apply:

1. Michigan resident?

If no, you are not eligible to apply.
2. Your birth date?

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3. Customer ID number?

Michigan driver license, State of Michigan ID card or DNR Sportcard
4. Item type?

170 - Elk Resident Application
5. The DNR issues two types of elk hunting licenses:

Any-elk - valid for taking either a bull elk or an antlerless elk.

Antlerless-only - valid for taking an antlerless elk only.
- Based on your hunting preferences, select ONE of the following on your application:

___ Bull **OR** Antlerless

Eligible for an any-elk license; if not selected, will be included in drawing for antlerless-only license

___ Bull Only

Eligible for an any-elk license **ONLY** (will not be included in drawing for antlerless-only license)

___ Chance Only

Do not wish to hunt this year, but would like to purchase a chance toward future drawings
- #### Important:
- Selected hunters will be randomly assigned to a specific hunt area and hunt period. You may not select the season or elk management unit you wish to apply for.
 - You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year.
- ### Ineligibility Periods for Elk License Recipients
- Those who are issued an elk license are subject to an ineligibility period for future elk drawings.
- A person issued an antlerless-only elk license is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase an elk license for 10 years. For example, those issued an antlerless-only license in 2010 are ineligible from 2011 through 2020.
 - A person issued an any-elk license, which allows the taking of a bull elk, is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase a future elk license for the remainder of his or her life.
 - Ineligibility rules were changed in 2004. A person issued an **any-elk** license prior to 2004 is ineligible to apply for, obtain, or purchase an elk license for 10 years. This ineligibility period does not apply to Pure Michigan Hunt winners.
 - A person issued an **antlerless-only** elk license prior to 2004 is eligible to apply for an elk license.
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- www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt
- A chance to hunt elk, bear and other game all in the same year. Only \$4 for each application - apply as many times as you'd like. Will not affect your chances in the regular elk drawing. You could win a rifle and crossbow! Apply for both elk and Pure Michigan Hunt licenses today!
- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.
- The Natural Resources Commission provides a strategic framework for the DNR to effectively manage the State's natural resources. The NRC works closely with a broad cross-section of constituents to advise the DNR on continuous improvement of resource management policy.
- ## Department of Natural Resources
- WILDLIFE DIVISION • P.O. BOX 30444 • LANSING MI 48909 • 517-373-1263
- www.michigan.gov/hunting
- Report All Poaching: 800-292-7800
- The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Baraga
427 US-41 North
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-6651
Bay City
3580 State Park Drive
Bay City, MI 48706
(989) 684-9141
Cadillac
8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-9727
Gaylord
1732 W. M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989) 732-3541
- Marquette
1990 US-41 South
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 228-6561
- Newberry
5100 M-123
Newberry, MI 49868
(906) 293-5131
- Plainwell
621 N. 10th Street
Plainwell, MI 49080
(269) 685-6851
- Roscommon
1-75 & M-18 South
8717 N. Roscommon Road
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-5151
- Rose Lake*
8562 E. Stoll Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 641-4903
*This is a field office
- Southfield
26000 W. Eight Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 359-9040
- Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.
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- The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$238 million.
- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunities for employment and access to Michigan's natural resources. Both state and federal laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sex, height, weight or marital status under the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 as amended (MI PA 453 and MI PA 220, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or if you desire additional information, please write: Human Resources, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909-7528 or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Cadillac Place, Suite 3-600, 3054 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202 or the Division of Federal Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.
- For information or assistance on this publication, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944. This publication is available in alternate formats upon request.
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- ### Application Information
- #### Locations
- You may apply:
 - At any authorized license agent
 - At DNR Operations Service Centers
 - Online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings
- #### Requirements
- You must meet all requirements to lawfully hunt in the current-year elk seasons to be eligible to apply for an elk license or chance only.
 - Michigan residents who are hunter safety certified or apprentice hunters are eligible to apply for an elk hunting license. This includes qualified military personnel and full-time students attending a Michigan college or university who reside in the state during the school year.
 - Nonresidents are not eligible to apply, regardless of age.
 - It costs \$4 to apply.
 - To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
 - Valid Michigan driver license
 - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
 - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings)
 - You must be at least 12 years old by Aug. 30 to apply. **Note: You must be at least 14 years old to hunt with a firearm on public land.**
- #### Applicant Responsibilities
- You are responsible for submitting a valid application.** Obtain a legible application receipt and verify all information that appears on the receipt, including your customer ID and application options.
 - Submit one application only. Individuals who apply more than once will be ineligible for the drawing.
 - Keep your mailing address up-to-date with the Secretary of State, as you will be notified by mail if selected for an elk license.
 - Ensure that any application mistakes are corrected before the application deadline.
 - For application assistance, call 517-373-1263.
- #### Successful Applicants
- Successful elk drawing applicants will be notified by mail. You will receive detailed information about your hunt, including your assigned hunt period, elk management unit, and type of license (any-elk or antlerless-only). Hunt assignments cannot be changed.
 - A free crossbow stamp, available from all license agents or online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings, is required for those using a crossbow to hunt, in addition to a valid hunting license.
 - Elk hunters must attend a mandatory hunt orientation class prior to their hunt.
 - The elk license fee is \$100. Successful applicants must pay this fee by purchasing license receipt no. 171 from any license agent or online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings, prior to the elk hunt orientation class.
 - All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan elk hunting license.
 - Licenses may not be altered or transferred. However, successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant or any person with an advanced illness.
- Drawing results will be posted at
www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings on June 20.
- ## 2011 MICHIGAN ELK HUNTING DIGEST
- Application Period May 1–June 1, 2011
- Apply online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings
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- Double your odds at getting an elk license!**
- Apply for the Pure Michigan Hunt! See inside for more details or go to www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt
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- #### Important Changes
- Elk unit C has been eliminated.
 - Elk units L and X have been expanded to include lands previously in elk unit C.
 - Commercial guides on state land must receive written authorization from the DNR.
- #### Important Reminders
- Selected hunters will be randomly assigned to a specific hunt area and hunt period.
 - You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year.

REPORT ALL POACHING
Call: 800-292-7800

Weighted Lottery for Elk Hunting Licenses

Hunters are selected for a Michigan elk hunting license using a random weighted lottery system that began in 2003. In this system, hunters receive one additional “chance” in future drawings each year they apply for an elk license and are unsuccessful in the drawing.

Applicants have the option to purchase a “chance only” instead of applying for a license. You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a chance only in the same year. **A person may accumulate only one chance per year.**

A weighted lottery provides some advantage to those individuals that are persistent in applying, while still providing an opportunity to all applicants, even those who are applying for the first time. It is possible for first-time applicants to be successful in any drawing. **In addition, there is no guarantee of being drawn in a weighted lottery regardless of the number of chances accumulated.**

The chance standing of any applicant who is successful in the elk drawing will return to zero chances after the drawing.

Those who fail to apply, or are ineligible to apply, for an elk license for three consecutive years will lose their accumulated chances.

Chances are tracked using your customer ID (driver license or DNR Sportcard). Chances may not be transferred to or combined with another person’s chances. Applicants may check their total chances at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Note: If you are using a different ID to apply this year, call 517-373-1263 to move your previous chances to your new ID. Any previous chances not moved to your new ID by June 1 will not be considered in the drawing.

IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.

Mandatory Elk Hunt Orientation

Successful applicants must attend a half-day training session near the elk hunt area on the day before their scheduled hunt. The location of the sessions will be provided to successful applicants. The training session will cover hunter safety, elk behavior, marksmanship, carcass handling, hunting rules and regulations, hunting tips and recommended hunt locations. Following the session, hunters will be issued their licenses, along with materials and information to help their efforts afield.

Hunting for Michigan elk is becoming increasingly challenging. There are fewer elk and they are becoming more wary. Temperatures range from -20 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Many people walk for long periods over multiple days before having an opportunity to take an elk. Once taken, moving an animal roughly four times the size of a white-tailed deer can be difficult. Preseason scouting is important, as is good marksmanship and knowledge of the animal. Preparation for the hunt will increase the enjoyment of the elk hunting experience.

2011 Open Seasons and Hunter Quotas

Hunt Period	Season Dates	Elk Management Units(s) (Public and Private Land)	Any-Elk Licenses	Antlerless-Only Licenses
1	Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 and Sept. 23 - 26	L	30	60
2	Dec. 3 - 11	A, B, F, X	25	40
3	Jan. 18 - 22, 2012	This hunt period will be held only if additional harvest is needed to achieve population management goals after hunt periods 1-2.		

Selected hunters will be randomly assigned to a specific hunt area and hunt period. You may not select the season or elk management unit you wish to apply for. See the maps below for the location of elk management units.

Elk License Opportunity for Youth
and Hunters with an Advanced Illness

Individuals who are successful in the elk license drawing may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant, or to a person with an advanced illness.*

- Successful applicants who wish to transfer their drawing success must submit a transfer request form at least two weeks prior to the hunt. Forms are available at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.
- Youth hunters age 12-16 are eligible to receive a transfer if they were unsuccessful applicants in the current year’s drawing. Individuals with an advanced illness are eligible to receive a transfer even if they did not apply.
- Individuals with an advanced illness must complete the Physician Certification of Advanced Illness form to certify their eligibility for a transfer. The form is available at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.
- Successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to a specific individual, or may donate their hunt to individuals on the Wildlife Division transfer waiting list. A donated hunt will be processed only if an eligible recipient is available to accept the particular hunt that has been donated. **Those interested in receiving a donated hunt must register online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings by July 10.**
- Elk chances will be reset to zero for the transfer recipient and for the successful applicant donating the hunt. Upon purchase of the hunting license, the recipient will be ineligible for a future elk license per the timeframes noted in this digest. The donor’s eligibility for future elk drawings will be retained.
- It is unlawful to transfer drawing success for a fee, or transfer drawing success and then guide that person for a fee.

**Advanced illness is a medical condition that must be diagnosed and certified by a physician. Advanced illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL 333.5653]. See www.legislature.mi.gov.*

Bovine Tuberculosis and Michigan’s Elk

Like white-tailed deer, elk are susceptible to bovine tuberculosis (TB). Because the elk range lies within an area shared by TB-infected deer, the risk of transmission to elk is very real. Research and experience with elk and red deer in other countries suggests that, should TB become established in Michigan’s elk herd, it could spread more rapidly than it has in deer. Since May 1996, we have tested 2,665 elk for TB. Between 2000 and 2006, five elk tested positive for TB in Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties. No elk have tested positive since 2006. Because elk and deer normally avoid each other in the wild, evidence suggests these elk probably were infected from feeding at man-made feed sites or bait piles intended for deer. Testing of elk for TB is mandatory, and all successful hunters must turn in the head of their elk for testing. CWD testing is no longer mandatory. A total of 1,583 elk have been tested for CWD and all have been negative. For more information about TB in elk and to check the bovine TB laboratory results of your harvested elk go to www.michigan.gov/wildlifedisease.

Support Sportsmen Against Hunger

The Department of Natural Resources encourages hunters to support the effort to provide processed wild game meat to local families in need. You can help in one of two simple ways. First, tell your license agent that you would like to make a cash donation when you purchase your hunting license. Second, consider donating a portion of your processed game (donations can be accepted only if the processing is done by a licensed processor). For more information, call 517-853-3663 or go online to www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org.

Commercial Hunting Guides on State Land

All commercial hunting guides using state-owned lands require department oversight. In 2011, all commercial hunting guides utilizing state-owned lands must receive written authorization. Guides are required to pay a fee for this authorization. Guides are also required to meet the conditions of the written authorization. These requirements include, but are not limited to, carrying general liability insurance. If you are a guide that utilizes state-owned lands, please visit the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/statelandpermission or call the nearest DNR Operations Service Center for more detailed information.

